

News from the City of Inkster

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Citizens present case for a 2nd judge

They say 22nd Court's work load causes delays

Crime is not a stranger to the citizens of Inkster, nor the punishment meted to convicted felons by the local judge.

But what appears to be strange in the city of Inkster is the length of time it takes to bring a code violator before the judicial bench.

Some say that in cases where city codes and ordinances are violated, the citations are not dealt with expeditiously by the local court.

It was a concern more than one citizen expressed Tuesday night during a special city council meeting. The answer offered by city of-

ficials varied, not enough staff at the courthouse. The excuse did not placate the citizens.

"We have a lot of slum lords in this city who are issued tickets (for code violations), but it seems as if the tickets aren't taken care. I have heard that it takes up to two to three years to get them settled," said Debra Owens, a longtime Inkster resident. "The court docket always seems to be filled."

Owens said the situation could be remedied if the city had two presiding judges, and not one.

"According to Chapter 17 of our city charter," Owens continued,

"we should have two judges serving the city. If that is right, why do we have only one?"

The 22nd District Court, located in the city of Inkster, is served by Judge Sylvia James, and a court magistrate, Gary Hearn, who are responsible for all cases - felony and civil - that occur within the city.

Owens questioned whether the city was not in violation of the city charter which specifically states, in Chapter 17, that the city shall be served by two judges.

"Are we not in violation of the charter?" she asked.

City Attorney Milton Spokoyny explained to the speaker and the audience that the local court was part of the state-wide judicial system, and that when the legislature abolished the municipal judge-ships, the lawmakers placed the Michigan Supreme Court in control of the courts. The Supreme Court has the responsibility of overseeing the district court system.

Spokoyny also said that, though the higher court may recognize that Inkster does have a bigger case load than some of the other courts, the load may not warrant

the need to hire a second judge.

"The Supreme Court would not fund a second judge," the city attorney stressed.

Owens insisted the present judge was bogged down with criminal cases, and did not appear to have the time to hear civil matters.

Spokoyny reiterated that "only the (Michigan) Supreme Court can add another judge". The city attorney also pointed out that the judge's salary was only part of the issue. He said a second judge would need staff, such as a secretary, office space, and office sup-

plies.

"And the city would be responsible for 100 percent (of staff salaries and expenses)."

Henry Lee Crump, former Inkster deputy police chief, who retired last month after 27 years with the police department, asked Spokoyny whether the court magistrate could handle some of the civil cases.

"No, because he is not an attorney," said Spokoyny, who quickly noted that a court magistrate with a law degree may help solve some of the problems.

Chief Colwell calls for an end to domestic violence

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell has called for an end of domestic violence. It is a goal than can be reached by mobilizing the combined resources of the federal, state and county governments.

The veteran law enforcement official, in accepting an award presented to him by Wayne County Council's Against Violence, urged the audience to get involved in their communities and to assist those who are trying to eradicate violence in today's society.

"I am honored to receive this award and to be in such distinguished company," said Colwell, in accepting the award during ceremonies held at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"The true winners are the survivors of domestic violence," Colwell added. "The credit belongs to those who have the courage to face their deepest darkest nights and come out on the other side, better for the journey ahead."

Colwell, born and raised in Western Wayne County and a Wayne High graduate, served in

"She's very talented and hard working, she has never asked for special privileges even with her condition."

- Chief Terry Colwell

25th infantry Division. He is also a graduate of the Detroit Police Academy.

During his watch as Inkster Police Chief, Colwell has managed to successfully compete for and received millions of dollars in grant fund for programs such as Street Level Enforcement, Juvenile Justice, Drug Elimination, Community Oriented Policing and Domestic Violence Prevention.

Chief Colwell also is responsible for the establishment of neighborhood mini-stations in Inkster which are staffed by Uniformed

Patrol personnel. He was a member of the original task force, Wayne County Council for Preventing Domestic Violence in 1991, and has managed to pursue a changing of attitudes about domestic violence in the law enforcement community.

In 1997, Colwell also was instrumental, along with First Step, in establishing a full-time Domestic Violence Response Unit consisting of an assistant prosecutor, two police officers and a victim's advocate. The unit has managed to assist several hundred victims

of domestic violence.

Colwell pointed out in his brief acceptance speech that the success of the domestic violence programs "also belongs to First Step and all the other shelter programs, the prosecutor's office and the collective leaders of criminal justice who demanded a change from the past law enforcement response to "family trouble" to treating domestic violence as the assault crime it really is.

"Changing from simply walking the batterer away from the house across the street to an arrest and

criminal process," the chief said.

Colwell concluded with the following remarks: "I thank all of you for inviting me into this process and providing me with the opportunity to be an advocate for change."

"I would also like to implore Mike Duggan, the new Wayne County Prosecutor, to continue this work on behalf of all of us who have worked so hard the past 10 years or so, and also for the future generations, who may see an end to domestic violence."

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Oh, dear!

Driver, deer meet on road, escape with minor injuries

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Some people have to go "Up North" to bag a deer; others, like Stephanie Campbell, drive down a Wayne Road and encounter them.

And Campbell must feel fortunate that the encounter with a doe and buck on the first official day of hunting in the state ended only with a shattered driver-side window, flying glass and some cuts to her and two small children.

The buck managed to clear the vehicle, catch up to the doe, and disappear into the woodlands on Glenwood and Venoy Road.

"The buck's hoof must have caught the car's window and shattered it."

Judy Gamble

Here is the story, as related by Judy Gamble, a longtime resident of Wayne whose grandchild Kayla, also was in the vehicle. Also in Campbell's car was a 3-month infant.

It seems that Campbell, driving

southbound on Venoy early in the morning, spotted a doe in her path and slowed down as it crossed the road and entered the serenity of a wooded area, probably en route to the Lower Rouge River.

As Campbell watched the doe vanish, she suddenly heard a loud crash and thought at the time that someone had tossed a rock at her car. She then saw a buck land on to the road, stumble momentarily, then raise himself and give chase after the doe.

"The buck's hoof must have caught the car's window and shattered it, sending glass into Stephanie's neck and Kayla's face," relates Gamble. "Thank

God. They suffered only minor cuts.

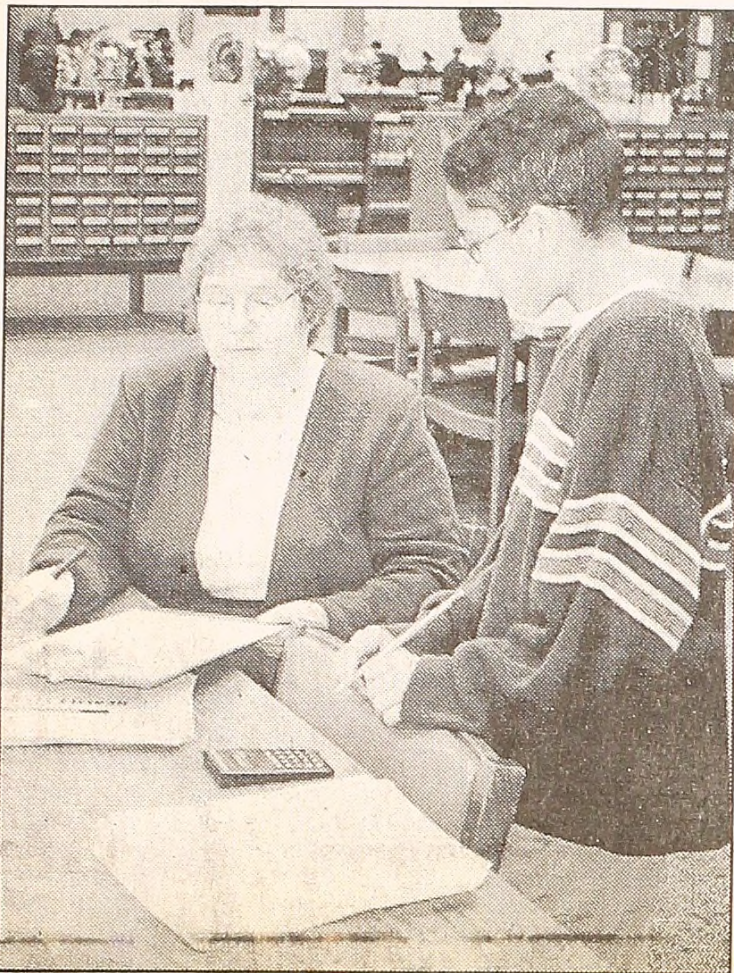
"But it also frightened them." When Wayne police and EMS units arrived on the scene, Campbell refused treatment.

It all happened on the first day of hunting.

Ironically, Gamble's son-in-law, Richard Santo, left early in the morning to hunt deer.

If he had just stayed home, he probably could have bagged one nearby.

But, then, as City Attorney Richard Clark may tell you - it's illegal to hunt within city limits. Oh, deer.



Reality check

Scores of Wayne Memorial students learned what the cost of living really means and the importance of budgeting during a "Reality Store" visit sponsored by the Wayne Business and Professional Women's Association. Above, a student discusses a loan with Reality Store "banker" Amy Allen, who approved the funds, after some checks-and-balances and a word of financial advice to the student. The store is an exceptional experience in living that helps promote awareness on how important it is to know how to budget, organizers stress.

Taxes to go up

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There is some good news and some bad news for Wayne homeowners and taxpayers.

Taxes will go up 3.2 percent next year, Thomas Norwood, the city's finance director, informed mayor and council Tuesday night.

Norwood advised the local lawmakers "that the inflation rate for use in the 2001 capped value formula and the 2001 Headlee formula will be 3.2 percent."

"As you know Proposal A limits annual increases in taxable value - the value on which property taxes are calculated - to the inflation

rate or 5 percent whichever is less," Norwood stressed.

For the 2001 tax year, the inflation rate has been established at 3.2 percent, compared to 1.9 percent in the 2000 tax year and 1.6 percent in 1999.

"This means that individual taxable valuations will not increase more than 3.2 percent for properties not having new construction in the year 2000," Norwood concluded.

The good news? Hey, in the old days, finance directors arbitrarily increased property taxes based on what they thought the property was worth.

On stage in Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It's the holiday season, and here's what residents can look forward to during that season.

The Stage IV Adult Community Theatre will present *This Must Be the Place*, a comedy by Monk Ferris, directed by Amy Lucas.

The play will be staged at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30. Curtains also will go up at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 2, but look for the performance at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Tickets are on sale now at the Community Center and will be available at the door at the time of the performance.

Also, *I'm Dreaming of a White*

Christmas - a drawing contest for Wayne resident children, ages 12 and under, is on the drawing boards.

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Four runners-up will receive \$20 each in Santa Money.

The deadline to submit your entry is Dec. 13. Please pick up entry forms at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis roads.

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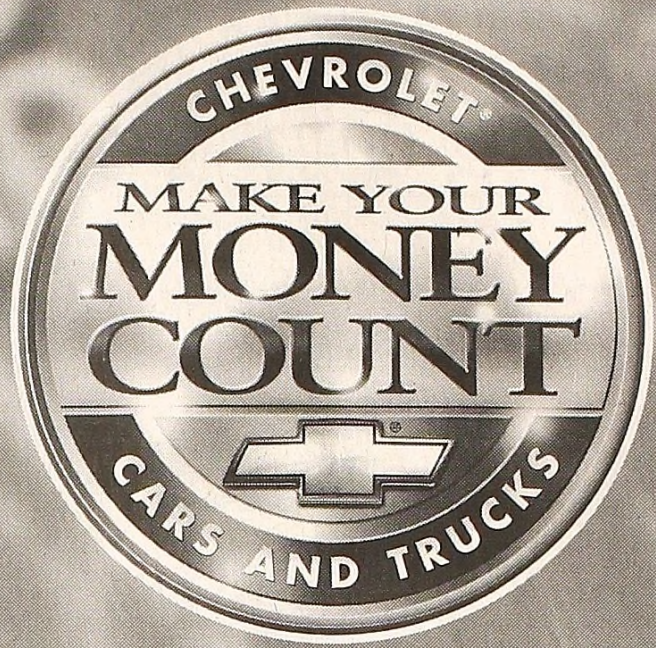
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Math night

Romulus Elementary School students William Yharbrough and Braelin Calhoun display some geometric designs they worked with during the Wick Elementary School's annual math night. MCN Special Photo

Romulus teacher is 4th in marathon

Romulus High School English teacher Serena Fraser finished an amazing fourth in the recent Detroit City Marathon.

Fraser, who was the lead runner in the marathon at about the half way mark, finished only four minutes off the top mark at the conclusion.

"It was a very exciting race and I was pleased with being in the lead at about the half way point," she stated.

Fraser said she enjoys being involved in such difficult and demanding events.

Earlier she was a star runner with the Allegany College Cross Country team.

Fraser noted that she was able to stay among the leaders throughout the race, even though several times other competitors tried to break out of the pack.

However Fraser "hit the wall" at the 22 mile mark and began to struggle.



Serena Fraser

Then with only two miles left, Fraser was able to summon up enough courage and strength to increase her tempo, which resulted in her fourth place finish.

Her listed time was two hours and 58 minutes...strong enough to win a \$1,000 prize.

Birth announcements

Bailey Charles Loop, son of William and Patricia Long of Westland, was born Oct. 30, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds and eight ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

He joins a brother, William Loop III, age 9.

His grandparents include: William Loop, Ellen Yax, Dan and Linda Hudick, all of Westland and Taylor.

Karina Hope Loveday, daughter of Alisa and Michael Loveday of Wayne, was born Nov. 10, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds and three ounces at birth and measured 19 1/4 inches.

She joins a sister, Katherine Joy Loveday, age 2 at home.

Her grandparents include: Jasper and Mary Rice and Sue Loveday of Westland and Ona Loveday of Detroit.

Trey Michael Stamper, son of Michael Stamper and Tami Rose of Inkster, was born Nov. 7, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed nine pounds and 12 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches.

He joins two siblings: Destiny and Breane Stamper, age 3 1/2.

His grandparents include: Randy Rose and Christine Williams of Inkster and Joan Stamper of Westland.

Olivia Kaley Walker, daughter of John and Amanda Walker of Grand Bay, Ala., was born Nov. 11, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds and 11 ounces at birth and measured 21 1/2 inches.

She joins a sister, Alexandria Walker, age 2.

Grandparents include Dirk and Linda Laskey and Lori Strickland of Grand Bay.

Zaida Mae Eck, daughter of Mike and Nora Eck of Westland, was born Nov. 7, 2000 at Garden City Hospital.

She weighed five pounds and 14 ounces at birth and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

Her grandparents include Don

and Leona Weiss and Lori Peterson, both of Wayne.

Carson Douglas Darby, son of Jeff and Tara Darby of Canton, was born Oct. 18, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

He weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces at birth and has light brown hair and dark blue eyes.

Haley Elizabeth Fabry, daughter of Karen and Jeremy Fabry of Canton, was born Oct. 20, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed eight pounds and seven ounces and has both brown hair and eyes.

Her grandparents are Curt and Kathy Peterson of Garden City and Yeda and Joe Fabry of Inkster and Brownstown.

Megan Ann Richendollar, daughter of Anthony and Ann Richendollar of Belleville, was born Oct. 22, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed seven pounds and two ounces at birth and has brown hair and blue eyes.

Grandparents include Jim and Sharon Richendollar of Belleville and Bill and Donna Alati of Cold Spring, KY.

Evelyn Sherri Kasperek, daughter of Martin and Vikki

Kasperek of New Boston, was born Oct. 15, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed seven pounds and seven ounces at birth and

has both brown hair and eyes.

Her grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moore III of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Casmier Kasperek of Belleville.

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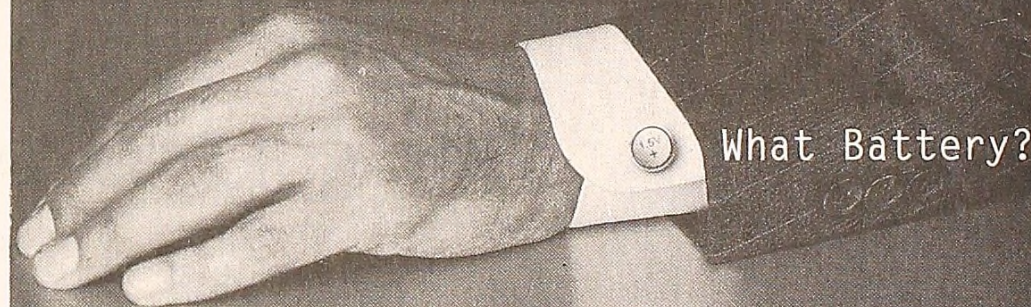
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Dragons appearing, fish falling, time to come home

Will someone please wake me up? My last two weeks have been in dreamland. I keep hearing over and over the soothing, but irritating sounds of Moby's Porcelain, or is it Fat Boy Slim, in the background as television's finest shows like Jerry Springer and Sally Jesse are constantly interrupted with news bulletins attempting to make sense out of a presidential election that has gone to the dogs, er I mean, lawyers.

Could any nightmare be stranger than this extended presidential election where the nation's most coveted position is to be decided by a bunch of yahoo's down in gatorland? I don't think so, but believe it or not, my dream gets stranger by the minute.

My friend Chad keeps interrupting my attempts to sleep peaceably. In real life Chad is a 6'4", 220 lb. behemoth of a man. But somehow, in my convoluted dream he ends up as a tiny swatch of paper that has a mind of his own. Actually there are thousands of Chads, and like the lawyers, in my dream, they will decide this highly unusual election. Imagine my behemoth friend, dumb as a rock and having never voted in his life, deciding whether Vice-president Al Gore or Texas Governor George W. Bush will be our next president. I told you this was a nightmare.

Additionally, my nightmare has me down in Florida huddled in front of the television, channel flipping between MSNBC and Fox News to get the latest on this election. Occasionally I will take a trip to the neighborhood convenience store to get my stack of daily newspapers-USA Today, Florida Today, the Orlando News-Sentinel.

In two such trips this week the weirdest things happened to me. On Tuesday, I noticed several cars stopped in a major intersection. As I got out of my car to see what the problem was, a 4 © foot long lizard ran in front of me. That's right the biggest lizard I had ever laid eyes on was being chased by several people in an effort to clear the roadway.

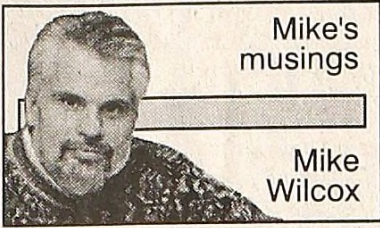
I can't believe this, but I got out and joined the chase. Here we were, four of us chasing this lizard (later I was told it was a Nile Monitor, although at the time we swore it was a Kamodo Dragon) all over the road. We weren't able to catch up with it (thank God, they are carnivorous) but we were successful in chasing it into a swamp to a hearty round of horn honks and cheers from dozens of motorists who had stopped in the intersection.

Then two days later as I'm venturing home down the same road, a fish falls onto my windshield. Mind you, this is in broad daylight, with the neighborhood WalMart closer to the road than the nearest water. I'm thinking this is some sign from God, but a dead fish, what can that possibly mean?

Then it came to me. God was telling me to get the heck out of Florida. I realized that what I presumed was a nightmare, was actually reality, and the weird things that were happening to me would only get weirder: Not much could be stranger than Palm Beach Floridians, exposed to too much sun, and probably too much cannabis, with their lawyer mouthpieces, and my former friend Chad, deciding our next president.

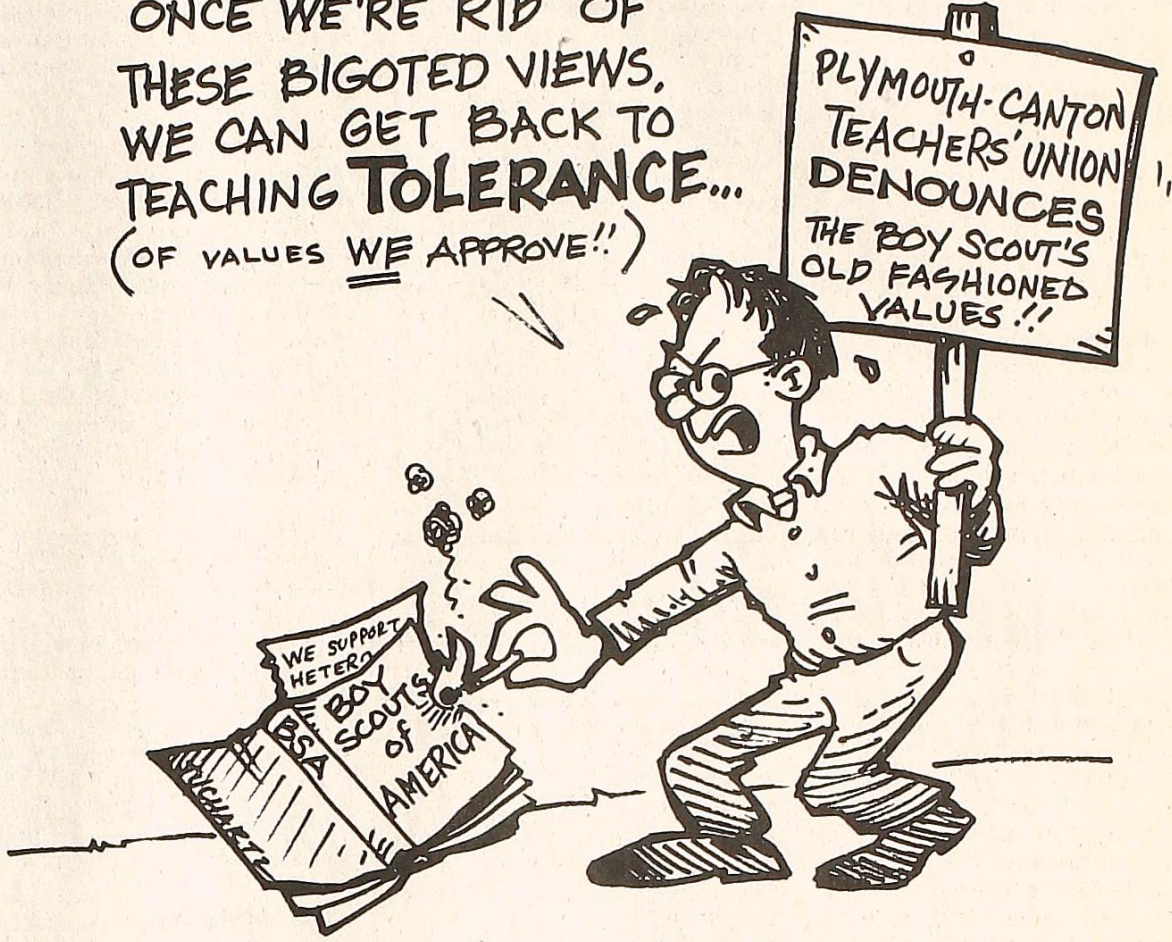
But I know this next week will bring only more legal challenges, huff and puffery from the political hacks with names like Baker and Christopher, and no real conclusion to who will be our president. It's all up to Florida and that's scary with dragons suddenly appearing and fish falling from the skies. Incidentally, on my way to good ol' Michigan, my wife and I discerned the fish must have fallen from the mouth of an Osprey, a fish eating hawk.

Boy am I glad I'm out of there and back to Wayne County where politics and elections are run fair and square. Yeah, right!



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

ONCE WE'RE RID OF THESE BIGOTED VIEWS, WE CAN GET BACK TO TEACHING TOLERANCE... (OF VALUES WE APPROVE!!)



Right to stand by honest Pat

When Westland City Council President Trav Griffin resigned, recall leader Brenda Gracin said, "Two down and two to go."

But will Westland Councilmen David Cox and David James go?

Griffin and Councilwoman Sharon Scott, who resigned a month before Griffin, left voluntarily. But Cox and James say they will face voters in Tuesday's recall election.

The recall stems from the four council members' Jan. 18 vote to dismiss popular City Clerk Patricia Gibbons two years before her pension vested. The previous week, Cox and Griffin had tossed the 23-year-employee out of her office.

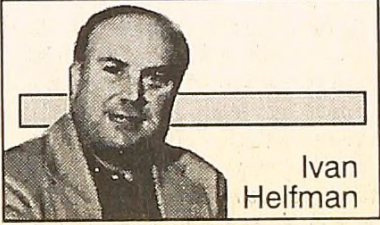
Many residents thought that Gibbons deserved better treatment. Others speculated that their boorish behavior was pay-back. After all, Gibbons had written a letter scolding the pair for writing an apparent election campaign letter on city clerk stationery.

Crowds flocked to city hall demanding answers, receiving half answers and evasions. Outside Westland City Hall, protesters picketed. Inside the council chambers, meetings became loud and confrontational.

Citizens formed phalanxes around speakers who wouldn't give up the floor when their time expired to prevent disorderly person arrests.

The commotion repelled Mayor Bob Thomas from attending council meetings while attracting thousands of cable TV viewers to watch the supercharged meetings, Westland's contribution to reality TV.

While gossips mocked council absurdities, more clearer minds took note of the overdue changes



Ivan Helfman

in city policy prompted by the recall.

After years of being gouged for garbage disposal - Westland residents pay four to five times the going rate - the post-recall council dropped the onerous garbage millage. It also abandoned building a new city hall with tax money diverted from road maintenance and other vital city services. Because of the recall, council voted to resurface or repair many aging roads.

Most recently, the recall prod-ded the council to take up minority citizens' complaints about traffic stops. Council's failure to hear the complaints created the impression of a cover-up. What were the police hiding?

Nothing, it turned out after the recall drove Griffin from office and Police Chief Emery Price was able to explain law enforcement policies and techniques to minority residents. Not only did the recall-prompted removal of Griffin enable the police to have a forum to educate the public, by establishing contact with minority residents, perhaps the city can work with the NAACP to settle problems out of court, a move that could save the city a fortune in litigation fees.

While the recall has, on balance, done a lot of good for citizens used to receiving the short end of the stick, will it be a good

thing to recall Cox and James?

Not according to Cox, who said that the recall would spook council members.

"We will have paralysis," he said at a recent council meeting.

James, who has stated that the recall is in God's hands, previously said that he voted to dismiss Gibbons because of her council evaluations and city administrators' criticisms.

Some support the recall targets.

"The Westland Police Officers Association believes when elected officials are threatened with the possibility of a recall when doing their job, it will lead to indecisive elected officials," wrote Officer David M. Hochstein, union president.

Officer Hochstein is right, you shouldn't recall officials for doing their job.

But have Cox and James, neither regular council meeting attendees, been doing their job?

Not, in my opinion, with regard to the city clerk.

While Pat Gibbons may have displeased Cox by speaking out against the improper letter on city clerk's stationery, she brought integrity to the clerk's office by refusing to let the letter slide, by reporting that a laptop computer had been stolen from the clerk's office under the previous clerk's regime, and by taking away city council members' keys to the clerk's office so absentee ballots could not be tampered with.

With all the turmoil in the Florida election about recounts and ballot tampering, it's easy to see how right the recall group was to stand by honest Pat.

Shazam...it's Romulus School

It took a couple of months of searching...over 50 name recommendations...and the Romulus School Board last Monday night finally decided what to call its new grade school - Romulus Elementary School.

It was interesting when this writer oft-handedly offered the option of naming the school after the longest serving superintendent in the district's recent history...Dr. William Bedell.

Some in the public objected to using the name of the controversial educational leader, saying using steet names was not too bad though.

There reasoning was that "at least people will know where the school is!" Well two of the options were Beverly (three varieties of that name) and Henry Ruff, which would have hinted where the school was.

Well the final decision as was stated is Romulus - which will at least let people know what city the school is located in.

Some of the other options were: Canadian Elementary, E-World Elementary, Golfside Elementary, Harriot Tubman, Kids First Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, Stormy Heights and Tomorrow's Fu-

ture.

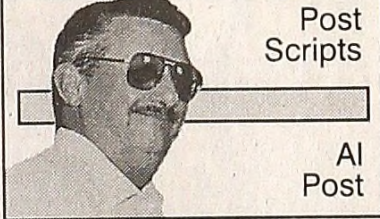
People in Romulus also are wondering what impact a possible recall of Westland Councilman David Cox will have on Mayor William Oakley's re-election bid.

While city forces will say officially...one should have nothing to do with the other, politically we know that doesn't always ring true.

Observers do note however that Cox's public view has been cut back in Romulus in recent weeks, with Community Development Director Richard Marsh now filling in when the mayor is absent.

If Cox however beats back the threat ... it could add to the Romulus political mystery of 2001.

If Romulus voters split 50-50 next November...at least it shouldn't take as long to recount the votes and there should be fewer court challenges.



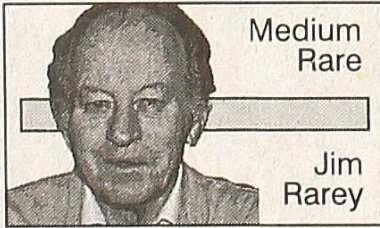
Post Scripts
Al Post

That's it! The line has been crossed!

As the nation was observing Veterans' Day on Nov. 11th, the Gore campaign was distributing a five page memo with instructions to local Democrat election officials in Florida on how to disqualify as many military absentee ballots as possible from overseas troops.

The instruction falsely stated that absence of a "postmark" on military ballots was grounds to throw them out.

In some counties half or nearly all of the military ballots were disqualified. Orange County, for instance, rejected 117 of 147 over-



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

seas ballots.

This writer was shipped as a replacement radio operator in 1951 to an Army Signal Corps battalion that had suffered 90% casualties when the Communist Chinese troops entered the Korean conflict. It has been extremely difficult to refrain from criticizing, in this column, the Clinton-Gore ad-

ministration as it climbed into bed with the Communist generals involved in that slaughter. But with the new revelations of the past week, a line has been crossed.

For partisan political advantage, the Gore campaign is willing to throw out the votes of those who are enduring sacrifice (some with families on food stamps) and putting their lives on the line to protect our right to vote. Gore operatives were convinced the military overseas vote would heavily favor Bush, so they decided to pull out all the stops and pressure local Democrats to arbitrarily in-

validate military ballots.

The outrage at these acts should cross party lines. If Al Gore manages to win the vote in Florida, and thus the presidency, with this cowardly tactic (as well as other vote manipulations going on in the manual recount), impeachment proceedings should be instituted as soon as he takes office on January 20, 2001.

It is ironic that George W. Bush may benefit from this controversy since he seems just as willing to climb into bed with the Chinese butchers as are Gore and Lieberman.



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Letters from our Readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Recall holds Cox and James accountable for way Gibbons treated

Westland Voters:
On November 28th, you will have a voice at the polls as to whether or not you wish to remove David Cox and David James, two Westland City Councilmen from office. On January 18th, yes indeed they did vote to not re-appoint the Westland City Clerk, Patricia Gibbons, yes that is a function solely attributed to the Westland City Council, and yes it is well within their legal right to do so.

That, Westland voters, is not the reason why the people of this community chose to recall Cox and James. They choose to have you believe that, because in attempting to have you believe that, they can hope that you will leave them in office. At issue is not the non re-appointment, but the manner in which four – remember four, not seven of the city council members – somehow, through amazing Kreskin abilities, knew they were going to fire Mrs. Gibbons. Somehow two of them went to her office, not ever having met with the other two, but knowing their vote, and asked for her keys, and told her she was dismissed. Mrs. Gibbons only months earlier, before the council election had reprimanded these very same individuals for using city property in their campaigns, and had chosen to not align herself politically with their machine. After taking their "oath" of office in which they swore to uphold the law, and to give their best to this city, two weeks into their terms, they acted on their own volition, dismissing Mrs. Gibbons a year and a half before she was eligible to retire. Mr. Cox states that he "offered" Mrs. Gibbons a retirement package, but since there was no discussion with the other members of council, Mr. Cox did not have the authority to do so.

When the citizens of this community came to council to demand that Mrs. Gibbons be reinstated, they were effectively shut out of their own council meetings, the doors being closed upon them, their speech being shut down, city directors began disappearing, and before long not even the Mayor would appear at council meetings. A council which was to be the "representative" of the people, consistently ignored the people, and instead pandered to their own political agendas.

It is only after becoming involved in the recall process that many of us discovered so many other issues that would make any citizen reel with indignation and disgust. Although it has long been known that a machine is at work in this city, not one of us knew the extent to which it had invaded and taken over.

You are all now being sent another piece of propaganda by Citizen's Against Recall,

which denotes at the bottom the Observer editorial from February. They fail to give notice to the latest Observer Editorial, or those from the Michigan Community Newspapers, which ask citizens to remember to vote, and to keep in mind that it is not only about the firing of the city clerk any longer.

I would suggest that those who support the recall, send a note back to the address at the bottom of that piece of literature, telling them you do not want their literature in your mailboxes!

Two other pieces of propaganda hit the newspapers recently. I guess Ray Blow's sister decided to conjure up her own little piece of the action. A "Sandra Schmitzer" claims to have been a Westland resident for thirty years, and a previous supporter of recall, and as having signed our recall petition, but now no longer supports the recall for reasons stated. She denotes "credibility" as her main reason.

Let me inform you as to her "credibility." There is no Sandra Schmitzer registered to vote in the city of Westland, and that is as of the newest VRL list from June, 2000. There is no Sandra Schmitzer listed in the phone book or Internet searches, in fact there is no Schmitzer registered at all in Westland. Most telling is this fact, we kept copies of each and every petition signed over the course of this recall, and no Sandra Schmitzer has signed our recall petition. If you doubt the validity of my claim you can contact the Westland city clerk, as I am sure she can verify that there is no registered voter under that name. [Having been unable to find Sandra Schmitzer, we apologize for publishing the letter and regret our part in furthering the bogus letter writer's deception -- Ed.]

As to Officer Dexter, and his letter recommending a no vote, Officer Dexter is not a Westland resident nor a registered voter within this city, and I truly hope that the people of this community can decide this matter upon its merits for themselves. To have people outside of this community telling us how to vote, as Mr. Johnson did in the early stages of this recall, is an insult to all of us who live and vote in this city.

Recall is a constitutional process given to the people to be a check and balance. It is precisely to remove those from office who do not serve the people, and in fact misuse the office to which they are elected. Recall is an attempt to allow the people to right wrongs, to restore ethics and accountability. It is a ridiculous assertion that recall is abusive.

Finally, no one within the recall effort is threatening anyone else with recall. We

have spent nearly a year of our lives on this effort, and frankly, no one wishes to begin again. That is clearly an attempt to discredit the entire effort, and should not be given any credence whatsoever. It is now up to each and every citizen of this community who believes that a great wrong was done to a long time employee, not in

her release, but in the way it was achieved to say so. Whatever your reason for agreeing with the recall, please vote on November 28. Remember our slogan: "We did the walking, now you do the talking."

Thank you for all of your support.

Brenda Gracin

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Toss out councilmen

Vote yes for recall on November 28th if you believe that Mrs. Gibbons was treated unfairly and poorly by those only recently elected to office.

If you believe that they acted without full consent of the seven member council.

If you believe that she was dismissed due to her non-political alignment with the good ol' boys club in this city, and her reprimand for using city property while campaigning.

If you believe that they

fully intended to take her keys, fire her, make her leave with only enough time to gather a very few personal possessions, and effectively ended the pension she completely deserved after serving this city for nearly 24 years.

If you believe that the people of this community were ignored, shut out, doors closed on them, and their concerns as to her firing dismissed at hand.

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Students of the month outstanding scholars

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education recognized the districts outstanding elementary students at its last regular meeting. The students are Edgemont Elementary fifth grader **Bailey Hall**, Elwell Elementary third grader **Monica Calhoun**, Haggerty Elementary fourth grader **Codi Rosochaki**, Savage Elementary fifth grader **Stephen Burton**, and Tyler Elementary fifth grader **Tengbo Li**.



Arts & Crafts show next weekend

The Van Buren Township Recreation Department will once again host its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show. The show, a juried craft show, promises high-quality, hand-crafted items just in time for the holidays.

The event has become one of the most popular in the area, and this year, it promises some 55 booths.

The event will take place Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Community Center at 46425 Tyler Road, just west of Belleville Road.

Admission is free and the craft show is open to the public.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

Journey to the center of the Earth

Elwell Elementary students enjoyed a special treat: Mobile Ed Productions Inc., of Redford, brought an Earth Dome to the school. Students were given the opportunity to enter the 22- by 17-ft. exact replication of earth through the International Dateline. Once inside, they gained a new perspective on the planet upon which they live.



The Earth Dome measures 22 by 17 feet.

Students learned about the continents, oceans, mountains and rivers; and they gained first-hand knowledge about time zones, latitude and longitude, geology, and plate tectonics. They also enjoyed static displays of volcano eruptions, tornadoes, and lightning bolts.

Mobile Ed Productions has used this educational technology throughout the United States to educate students about geographic, as well as environmental issues.

Friends of Education gives books to students

Michigan Friends of Education (MFE), a non-profit charity, has given Van Buren Public Schools' Title I programs more than \$62,000 worth of books over the past three years. This year, the Title I program received 19 boxes of books for distribution to the district's students.

The purpose of the MFE's Adopt-A-Book program is to stimulate interest in reading and to motivate students to broaden their horizons. The non-profit organization donates books to students from pre-K to 12th graders. Book subjects have ranged from world atlases to the Declaration of Independence and from sports topics to adventure stories.

Sue Farber, district supervisor for Title I and At-Risk programs, continues to be overwhelmed by the generosity of the group. She is grateful for the significant contribution to the district's students, as these books have been some of the first some of the children have ever owned.

The agency donates the books free of charge because major publishers throughout the United States donate the books to the MFE Book Center to receive significant tax benefits. The non-profit agency donates books to qualifying individuals in Migrant/Bilingual programs, Title I, Special Education and Adult Education programs. Books are also distributed to nursing homes and outside agencies that care for the needy, ill and underprivileged.

Guidelines for book distribution to the district's Title I population explicitly state that books cannot be used as resource materials, library books or for classroom enhancement. Teachers enjoy giving these books to students throughout the school year.

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

Polar Bears will bare it Dec. 2...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Hey cool it!!!

The Belleville Lake Water Ski Club members are planning to do more than that following the Belleville Christmas Parade on Dec. 2.

They are planning to leap into the frigid Belleville Lake to raise funds for two local charities. Last year - their first effort fell into 39 degrees - but raised \$3,500.

The club began back in the 1960's under the name of the Belleville Lake Stump Jumpers.

While they have featured mostly summer fun, the club also maintains a focus to include support for charities various times of the year.

They also seek to raise awareness and funds to aid Girlstown of Belleville and the Yellow Ribbon (suicide prevention) Program.

Following the 11 a.m. parade, many of the club members will don dry suits made of nylon, to seal heat into their bodies and keep the skin dry (except for their heads, hands and feet).

Skiers must commit to spending at least 10 minutes above the water in order to win sponsor pledges.

Spectators may view the ski event from the new Van Buren Horizon Boardwalk located adjacent to the Belleville Grille on High Street.

Among the listed participants will be: attorney William Hawley, Jeffrey Riggs, Alpine Electronic's manager; Steve Mills of Flagstar Mortgage, local residents, Justin and Tavis Juriga, Frank Brown, GM employee; as well as many unlisted club members.

To pledge a donations contact Jeffrey Riggs at 313-268-9226 or Steve Mills at 734-697-8636.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS including a production of *The Magnificat* will be offered at 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church by the Madonna University Chorale. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and students. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information call Dr. David Wagner at 734-432-5708.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME MUSICAL will be offered by the Ford Motor Co. Chorus at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9 and at 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at Stout Middle School, 18500 Oakwood, south of Rotunda, in Dearborn. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children between the ages of six and 12. Children under five will be admitted free. For more information call Joan Baker at 313-323-8173 days and 313-382-3473 nights.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS SALE will be of Christmas decorations, artifacts and other items at the Army Warehouse at Van Born and Middlebelt Roads in Romulus. Sale hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 24 and 25.

BASKETBALL SNOWY DAY SHOOTOUT is slated for 10 a.m. Dec. 28 at the Livonia YMCA Field House. Call the Plymouth YMCA for information at 734-453-2904.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Cancer Society's Discovery Shops. Various positions and flexible hours are offered. For more information call the American Cancer Society at 800-925-2271.

TREE OF LIGHTS at Annapolis Oakwood Hospital of Wayne will offer a way to memorialize a loved one for the holidays. To place an ornament on a tree with your loved one's name visit the hospital at 33144 Annapolis Ave. during December. For more information call 313-593-5865.

WAYNE COUNTY LIGHTFEST has opened evenings along four and a half miles of Hines Park from Westland to Dearborn Heights. The show features 39 giant displays and nearly a million lights including Santa's sleigh, Santa's Flight School and parachuting reindeer. More than 100,000 persons visited the light show last year. Cost is \$5 per car. Entrance is at Hines Drive and Merriman, two and a half miles south of I-96 in Westland. For more information call 734-261-

Group counseling offered to vets

Group counseling sessions for post traumatic stress disorders for combat veterans will begin tomorrow at the Veterans Haven of Wayne.

The offer is extended to military veterans, who served from World War II to Desert Storm.

One on one sessions also are available.

The weekly sessions are being

offered at 1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Veterans Haven's Outreach Center, 4924 S. Wayne Road (about 3/4 of a mile south of Michigan Avenue on the west side of Wayne Road).

Anyone seeking details should call Paul Esser, counselor of the Department of Veterans Affairs at 313-831-6509.



Sexual harassment

Political correctness and sexual harassment are two of the main elements of the Wayne State University Studio Theatre's rendition of *Oleanna* starting next month. The play offered at the Hilberry Theatre featuring Jessica Stanford-Hudspeth and Richard Sparks opens Dec. 7. For tickets and information call 313- 577-2972.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND BAKE SALE The Canton Historical Society will conduct its annual Holiday Open House and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the museum located at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage Drive. On sale will be baked items, Canton historical books and small gift items. For more information call 734-397-0088.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET will be offered at 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 2 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. More than 150 ballet dancers, musicians and cast members from the Plymouth Symphony, Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers will take part. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information call 734-451-2112.

TOY DRIVE BEGINS for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Donated toys are needed for all ages from infants through teenagers. For more information call 800-825-2536.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING A centennial celebration of the negro national anthem written in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson and his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, will be conducted at 6 p.m. next Tuesday (Nov. 28) at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 17 and under. For more information about the museum call 313-494-5800 ext. 0.

CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFT

SHOW will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 9 and 10 and 11 a.m. on Dec. 11 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. in Northville. Over 70 juried artisans will have their items on display including stained glass, jewelry, floral items, etc. Admission is \$2. Lunch is available. For more information call 734-459-0050.

YOUTHEATRE PRODUCTIONS will offer its Not Just for Kids productions of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Quiet Cricket* at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St. in Ann Arbor. Before and after the performance a book fair will be conducted in the theatre lobby. Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and at all Ticketmaster locations. For more information call 734-668-8397.

INKSTER BLOOD DRIVE is slated from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Greater First Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3844 Harrison Ave. (off Carlisle) in Inkster. Shortage of blood supplies are forcing cancellations of some local African American surgery options. Call Mary Anne Jones at 313-576-4186 for appointment or more information.

SANTA'S ELVES WORKSHOP While shopping on Dec. 2 and 9 drop off your children at the Summit on the Park in Canton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a day of swimming, game playing and making holiday crafts. Cost is \$38 for a Canton resident and \$50 for a non-resident. Children need to bring a swim suit, towel, lunch and a drink. For more information call 734-397-5110.



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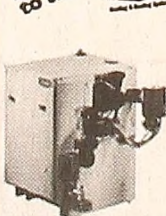
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Seniors on the go

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Seniors offered heat tips...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Winter is seldom a friend to senior citizens and the year 2000 will prove to be no exception, Detroit Edison revealed recently.

Thus the secret to keeping your home warm is "keeping the cold air out," they state.

Cold air can penetrate your home around door and window frames, exhaust fans or any other place where wires or pipes enter, Jerry Goetz, Detroit Edison residential heating and cooling specialist reveals.

"If your home does have a draft, remove cracked caulk and replace it with new caulk and fit weather stripping into the cracks around windows and doors.

An open chimney also will pull warm air from a room, Goetz said, and he suggests that fireplace dampers and glass fireplace doors should be closed when the fireplace is not in use.

Two overlooked places worth insulating are where the foundation meets the floor joints, as well as the sidewalls of crawl spaces.

Not only will insulation reduce air infiltration and heat loss, but it also will prevent

water pipes in crawl spaces from freezing.

One of the least expensive updates is putting a clean filter in your furnace, he said, and check to see if they need to be replaced monthly during peak heating months.

Some other cost cutters are:

- lower thermostat at night and when not home for a few hours.

- check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

- keep your humidifier pad clean of calcium deposits for best results.

Floyd Gaulden is featured resident

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Born in 1910 in Arkansas, Floyd Gaulden this month is the featured resident of the Westland Convalescent Home.

He married Zora Wagster in Arkansas just prior to moving to Michigan. They recently celebrated their 70th year of marriage at the convalescent home.

They had two children, Phyllis Jean, who died at an early age, and Betty.

The hard working Gaulden worked for many years with

the Michigan Central Railroad and later was employed at the Garwood Industries firm and then with the Detroit Mutual Insurance.

He worked with Detroit Mutual part time until he reached the age of 75.

He currently has three grandsons and nine great-grandchildren.

He has a great sense of humor, is a great story teller and enjoys family gatherings the best.

He has been active with the Masonic Lodge and Temple Baptist Church.

Anderson honored

Monica Anderson, a highly dependable laundry worker at Westland Convalescent Center, is being honored as the center's featured employee of the month.

Born in Detroit, Monica began her career at the center in 1993. Earlier she had graduated from Redford High School and worked at the Goodwill Assembly and other companies.

She also served as a fashion model in Illinois and Ohio.

Her favorite pastimes include viewing movies, listening to music, and joining in volleyball, swimming and dancing.

Her group leaders, Colleen Stokes, proudly state, "Monica

has an excellent attendance record and is very dependable.

"She can be counted on both for her speed and accuracy in distributing residents' clothing," Stokes added.

Linda Walsh, director of environmental services, added "Monica is one person, who truly knows how to have fun while working above and beyond the call of duty."

Her parents are Herbert and Ernestine Anderson. She has four brothers, James, Lloyd, Karl and Herbert as well as three sisters, Tina, Kim and Oleta.

Monica also has a son, Mario, age 14, who excels in basketball and football.

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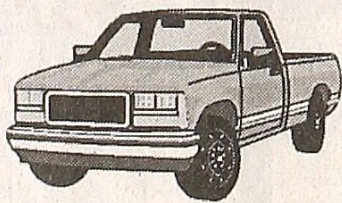
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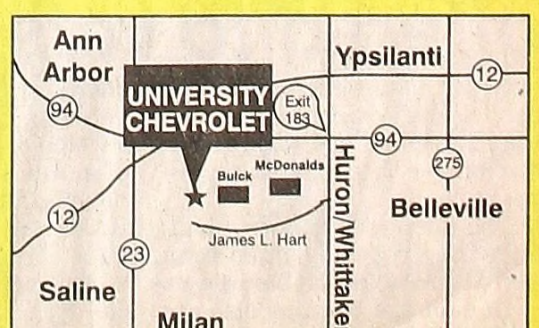
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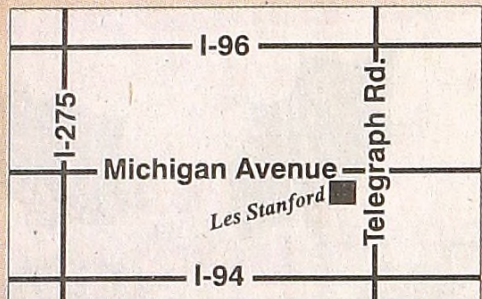
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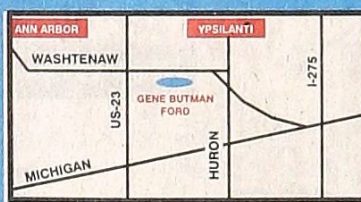
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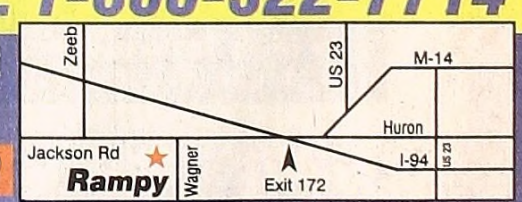
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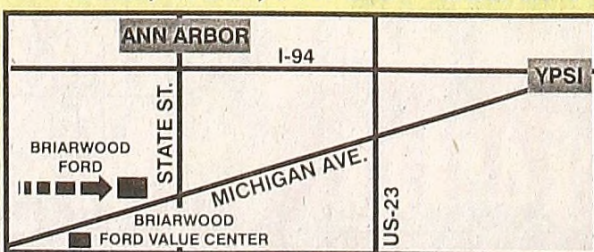
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Belleville retains girl's hoop crown

Kilgore leads champs to repeat

Behind the 1-2 punch of senior Kirsten Kilgore and sophomore Amantha Combs, defending champ Belleville knocked Westland John Glenn out of the district playoffs Friday night.

Belleville exploded to a 16-5

lead as Kilgore and Combs led the way to a 30-11 halftime and a 53-30 Tiger victory over the Rockets to retain the district title.

"They (Belleville) had too much depth and experience for us," said Glenn coach John Albrecht. "Kilgore is a First Division player, and Combs really impressed me."

"Belleville was the class of this district, and I hope they go all the way this year," the Glenn coach added.

The Tigers, coming off of a suc-

cessful Mega-Red Conference season, where they captured a share of the championship, were scheduled to play Trenton at Ypsilanti Lincoln Monday night in the first round of the Class A regional playoffs.

The winner advances to play the survivors of the Adrian and Dearborn game.

The regional championship is scheduled to be staged Wednesday night at 7. Belleville also is fa-

See **Tigers**, page B-3

Rockets eliminate Garden City in semis

Westland John Glenn left its best for Garden City in the semifinal round of the Class A District playoffs.

Coach John Albrecht's Rockets outscored Garden City 16-8 in the second period to break away, 25-12, at the half, then went on to post a 52-30 victory over their highly-touted opponents who came into the match with a victory over Romulus.

Garden City qualified for the semis by defeating Romulus on a last-second free throw in the first round of the district playoffs staged at Livonia Franklin.

But it was Glenn, who executed a deadly full-court press, which

proved fatal to Garden City's bid to play Belleville for the title.

"I thought our kids played their best game of the season against Garden City," said Albrecht. "We had been working on the (full court) press for a couple of weeks now, and it really worked against Garden City."

Garden City committed a rash of early turnovers that the Rockets, thanks to Krystal Davis, Bianca Woods and Jerry Thauvette,

See **Rockets**, page B-3



Delayed debut

An abbreviated week created by the holiday and early copy deadlines, added to the problem that some of the players who were named to the 37th annual *Michigan Community Newspapers'* All-Area Football Team were unavailable for photos last week led to a MCN sports staff decision to delay the releasing the All-Area Roster this week. We regret the delay and the inconvenience this may have caused our readers. Hopefully, the first All-Area Team of the 21st Century will be unveiled here next week.

Parity is the key word out of Western Lakes Conference

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Parity is the word in the Western Lakes Conference basketball circuit this season, according to Jeremy Rheault, one of four new coaches on the block.

"I don't believe that there is a clear-cut favorite this year," says Rheault, who took over from Dan Young as Canton High's varsity head coach. Young stepped down after five years as head coach to spend more time with his family.

"I think we're pretty evenly matched," stressed Rheault. "Last year, North Farmington and Salem were the frontrunners, but this year I believe that you're going to see dogfights right down to the finish."

Rheault served on Young's staff as an assistant coach.

The new coach also noted that there is a rare phenomena in the conference, for the first time in recent years, there has been a major turnover in coaches. 50 percent of the coaches in the 10-team conference may be new.

"So we also have a situation where we really don't know what to expect in the way of strategy and basketball philosophy."

As for his new charges, or Chiefs, Rheault says that he will install a game that will give his players more opportunities to shoot.

"There will be a difference (between his and the former coach's) strategy because of our personal concepts about the game," Rheault continued. "I would like to see our players taking more shots from the perimeter and shoot more than we did in the past."

"Also, on defense, we may be pressing more than we did in the past."

To employ his varied techniques, Rheault has a fine-core mixture of seniors and juniors who if they blend can make the league sit up and take notice.

In the senior group are Jay Sofen (6-0), Andrew Holmes (6-5), Jerry Gaines (6-4), Nick Cabauatan (5'10"), Oliver Wolcott (6-0), and Rian Barker (5-10).

Most of the names should be familiar to high school fans. Wolcott and Gaines are coming off of a successful football season which ended in the regional finals at Clarkston where the host eliminated the Chiefs, 41-31.

But Gaines, one of the top athletes in the conference, suffered

a serious injury which may take time to heal, so he may not be available for the opener or even shortly afterward.

Rheault also has an excellent junior corps of made up of promising juniors who could make a difference on this team. In that group are Billy Gazsi, a 6'2" forward who was moved up to varsity by coach Young at mid-season a year ago and contributed to the team's success.

And Brendan Murphy, a 6-2 forward, also picked up some experience as an inside threat with last year's squad.

Other notable juniors include Mark Hanson (6-0), Jason Priebe (5-10), Chris Perch (5-7), Kyle Lasko (5-11) and 6-6 talent Andrew Meagrow.

The opener at home against Wayne Memorial will be a good indicator what Rheault can expect from his roster. Past Wayne-Canton duels have been found right down to the wire and some in OT with each team suffering battle scars.

The Dec. 5 rematch should be another barnburner and both fire chiefs - Rheault and Wayne Woodward will get an opportunity to see what their crews can do under rapid fire.

By TOM MOORADIAN
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The mammoth challenge to rebuild Westland John Glenn's boys' basketball program will fall on the shoulders of a veteran basketball coach.

Joel Lloyd, whose credentials include working as an assistant coach with one of the most successful high school coaches in the area, Wayne Memorial's Chuck Henry, and who also was an assistant junior varsity and girls' basketball coach, replaces Mike Schuette as Glenn's head coach this season.

Lloyd inherits the remnants of a team that finished with a 4-16 overall record a year ago. The record is one of the worst, if not the worst in the school's 34-year history.

But the young coach steps on the pine with no-clear cut favorite in the Western Lakes Conference. And that is a plus.

The minus is that the conference is always loaded with athletic talent.

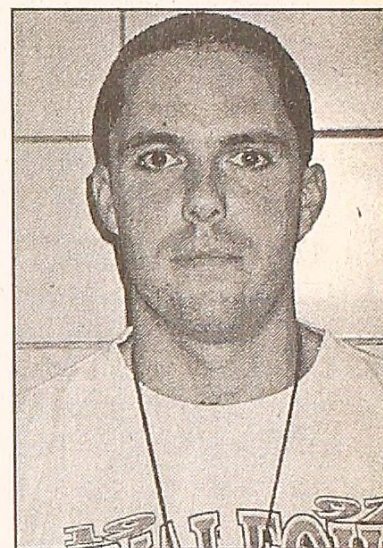
"We got a rebuilding job to do this season," said Lloyd, who doesn't foresee any rags-to-riches season, but does believe that "hard work" will get you to your goals.

"It never hurts to stress discipline and dedication and defense," the new head coach added, which are among the new coach's creeds.

Unfortunately, the Rockets have not seen any conference hardware in recent years. Most titles have gone either to Plymouth-Salem and coach Bob Brodie, or to the Walled Lake schools. North Farmington, which had the horses a year ago, could again be the fa-

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vorite, that is, until someone proves otherwise.

But the youth movement at Glenn, if it is to be successful, must find the perimeter firepower which the Rockets definitely lacked a year ago. The inside man this year will be developed from a nucleus of young hopefuls.

The backcourt is where the bulk of the Glenn experience comes.

Senior guards Brent Bogle (5-11), Darnell Dorris (6-1) and Mike Franks (6-0) could provide the scoring punch that was so erratic a year ago. Last year, the trio saw limited action in Schuette's game plan on a team that had potential that never materialized because the players never found the right chemistry to play as a team.

Lloyd has a stockpile of explosive talent in 5-8 junior guard Anthony Harrell and Will Massey, a 6-1 junior forward, who kept the Rockets in most of their games.

AAU hoops coach seeks players for girls' winter conference

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

John Albrecht, Westland John Glenn girls' basketball coach, is looking for a few talented girls' basketball players.

Albrecht says that he and his colleagues are putting together teams to compete in an AAU (American Amateur Union) League this winter, and the veteran coach has set tryouts for next month.

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"We're looking for players in the 17 and under, and the 15 and under age groups," said Albrecht, who has coached in the Wayne-Westland school district for more

than a dozen years.

"The AAU offers these players an opportunity to improve their skills while competing against their peers."

The Glenn coach said that tryouts will take place beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Wayne Memorial High School. Wayne Memorial is located at 3001 Fourth Street.

Interested players are requested to contact coach John Albrecht at 734-326-8982 for further information.

The new guard replaces the old Hoop local landscape has major changes

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Local high school basketball fans will need a program to identify who's coaching their teams this season.

The coaching landscape has drastically changed with the old guard retiring or leaving the pine for greener pastures.

Gone are such successful and veteran coaches as Chuck Henry, Mike Schuette, Danny Young and Alvin "Bo" Dukes.

New and hoping that fans will take notice are such new faces as Jeremy Rheault, Wayne Woodward, Joel Lloyd and Steve Brooks. Although they may not be the newest kids on the block, all

four will be charged with fielding their first varsity men's teams.

Brooks, who comes into the area from Ypsilanti, was hired by Inkster High Athletic Director Dan Mann.

Mann had a phenomenal season as the Vikings' girls' basketball coach. Inkster posted an incredible 20-0 season and won their first Mega-Gold championship. He appeared to be the natural heir-apparent to replace Bo Dukes as the men's varsity coach.

But did not.

"I've been the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus coach for the past three years, and won't be available. We do have an excellent candidate in

Steve Brooks, who I have known for a few years.

Brooks brings experience and excitement to our program."

Mann also revealed that the Vikings will not be competing in the Mega Conference, Red Division this year. The Red Division is the top tier in the four-division (Red, White, Blue and Gold) conference.

"We have been assigned to the Mega White, where I feel we may have a bit more success."

Mann also revealed that Brooks will team up with a former Inkster hoops coach, William Springer, to field the Vikings this season.

"I sincerely believe we have in place a coaching combination

that can turn this program around."

In the meantime, Rheault (Read related story on this page) replaces popular coach, Danny Young, at Plymouth-Canton. Young stepped down in order to spend more time with his family, school officials say.

Rheault is not a stranger to the area - he has coached junior varsity and girls' basketball teams, but this is his first shot as head coach of the men's basketball squad at Canton.

Henry left the local scene after nearly two decades at Wayne Memorial where he has had phenomenal success as head coach to accept the head coaching job at Canton Agape Christian Acad-



Chuck Henry



Mike Schuette

emy, a move he said he made in order to coach his children who attend the academy.

Schuette left John Glenn after a disappointing season a year ago. The Rockets never reached their potential a year ago and were mired in controversy that left them stranded on the launching pad shortly after take off.

Henry's former assistant coach, Joel Lloyd, has been given the responsibility of rebuilding the program at Glenn.

The new coaches will be making their official local coaching debuts on Dec. 5. Wayne is at Plymouth-Canton and Glenn will host to the River Rats of Ann Arbor Huron.

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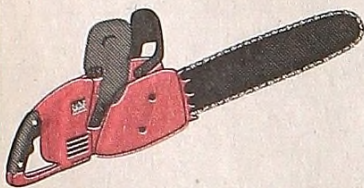
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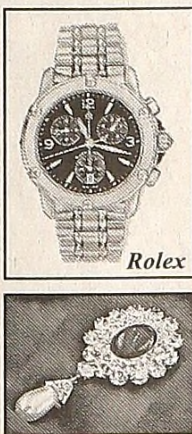
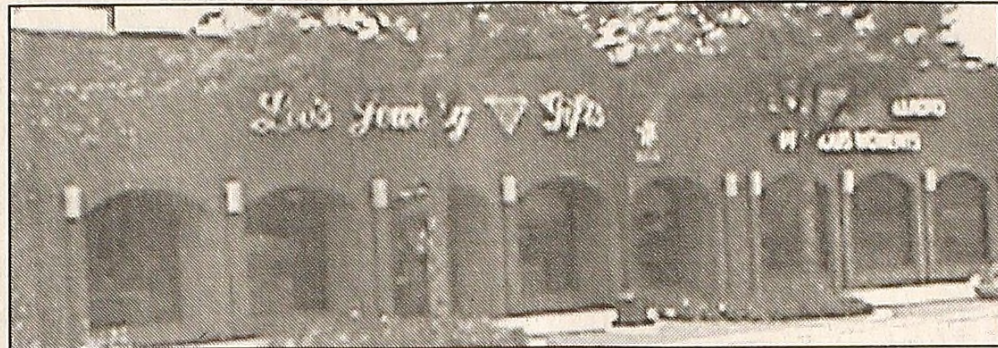
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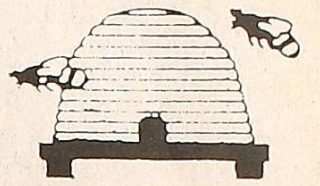
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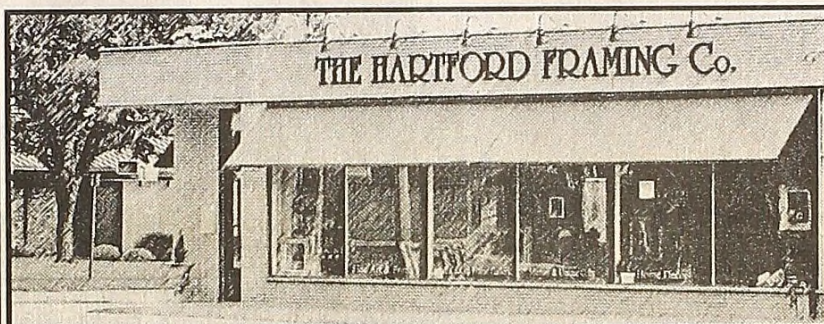
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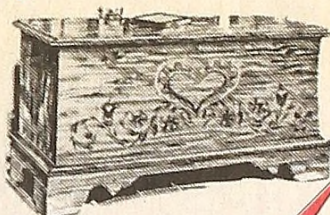
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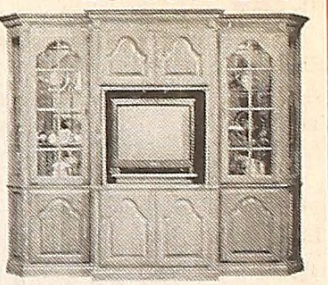
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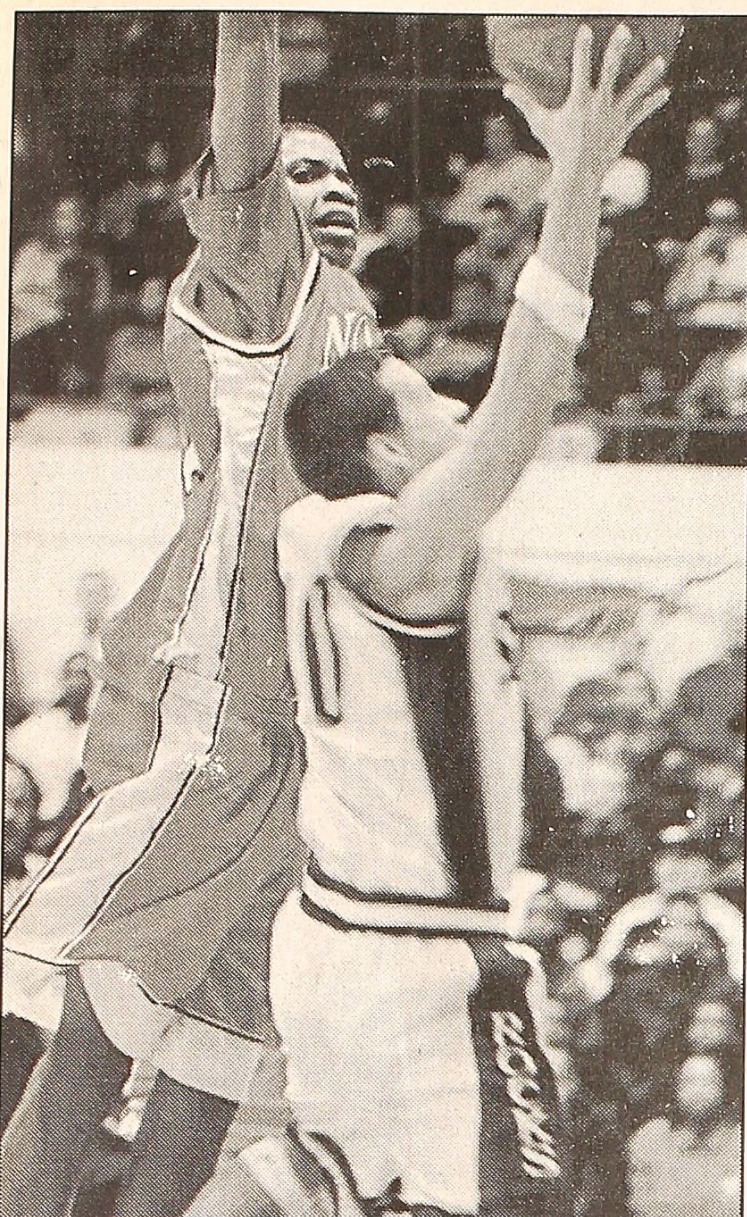
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Basketball is back

Basketball is back, with half of the local high school teams sporting new head coaches. In order to identify who's in charge of your favorite team you'll probably have to pick up a program or turn to the *Michigan Community Newspapers'* sports section. MCN Sports Staffers will continue with their high school previews next week. So don't miss these informative features.

Robichaud ousts Melvindale, falls to Divine Child

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With an impressive victory over Melvindale in the semifinals, coach Warren Woods and Robichaud coasted into the championship round of the Class B district basketball playoffs on Friday where they clashed with hosts, state-ranked Dearborn Divine Child.

D. C.'s Falcons burst any latent dreams that Woods and his team may have harbored about an upset early in the finals. Behind legitimate All-State guard Maria Jilian able command, D. C. jumped to a 37-14 halftime lead before coasting to a 63-35 victory and their upteenth district title.

"They're an exceptional team," said Woods afterwards about his team's final opponent of the Year 2000 campaign. "And their senior guard is something else. She's an exceptional player."

Robichaud did not fade after trailing by as much as 20 points in the first half. The Bulldogs, with the help of freshman Mary Riley and senior Ericka Davis came back and made a game of it in the second half.

The Falcons outscored their visitors 26-21 in the final two periods.

Riley finished her freshman season with 17 points and seven rebounds, while Davis accounted

for 10 points for Robichaud which finished with an 8-13 overall record.

Jilian walked off the floor with 23 points.

In the semis, Riley and Davis again teamed up to lead the Bulldogs who exploded to a 15-7 first period lead and never looked back after that. Robichaud had a lopsided 31-18 advantage at the half which enabled Woods to empty the bench for most of the second half.

Riley scored a game-high 23 points. She also grabbed 10 rebounds. Davis chipped in with 11 points and six assists. Teammate Lauren Trammell added nine.

Melvindale got 12 points from Chrissy Wolan, the Cardinals' top scorer. The Cardinals also made one of four free throws, while Robichaud sank 11 of 18 opportunities.

Woods wrapped up his third year as head coach and said that he was pleased with the overall results of his team.

"We had a winning program here before I arrived and, because we were so young, I had some concerns that if we lost how those losses would affect the players.

"Let me say this that these kids proved to be winners on and off the floor I'm very proud of them," Woods added.

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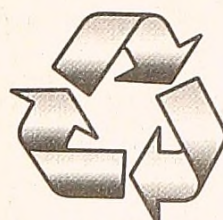
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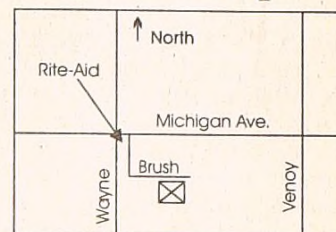


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Ex-Belleville star shines at Wayne State

By TOM MOORADIAN
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Former Belleville High football star Derrick Thomas, who was a unanimous All-Mega Conference, Red Division football pick in 1998, continues to shine on the gridiron.

Thomas, a sophomore safety at Wayne State, collected 51 tackles of which six for losses in the Warriors 62-28 loss to Northwood University.

Thomas also managed to pick off two passes and blocked one field goal attempt.

The Belleville resident was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference (i)Player of the Week(r) for the week of Oct. 30.

Wayne State wrapped up its season on Nov. 11 against Northwood. The Warriors finished the campaign with a 4-6 overall and a 4-6 GLIAC record.

The 4-6 mark is the best WSU record since 1994.

Hoops lessons offered

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

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Wayne lifter sets record

Bob Ingram apparently is one of the city of Wayne's and the area's best kept secrets.

He owns a world record in weightlifting.

When you approach the city of Wayne Parks and Recreation employee you are immediately impressed by his physical appearance - yes, his muscles.

And you begin to wonder how many bench presses and hours he had to put in to carve out the Grecian body.

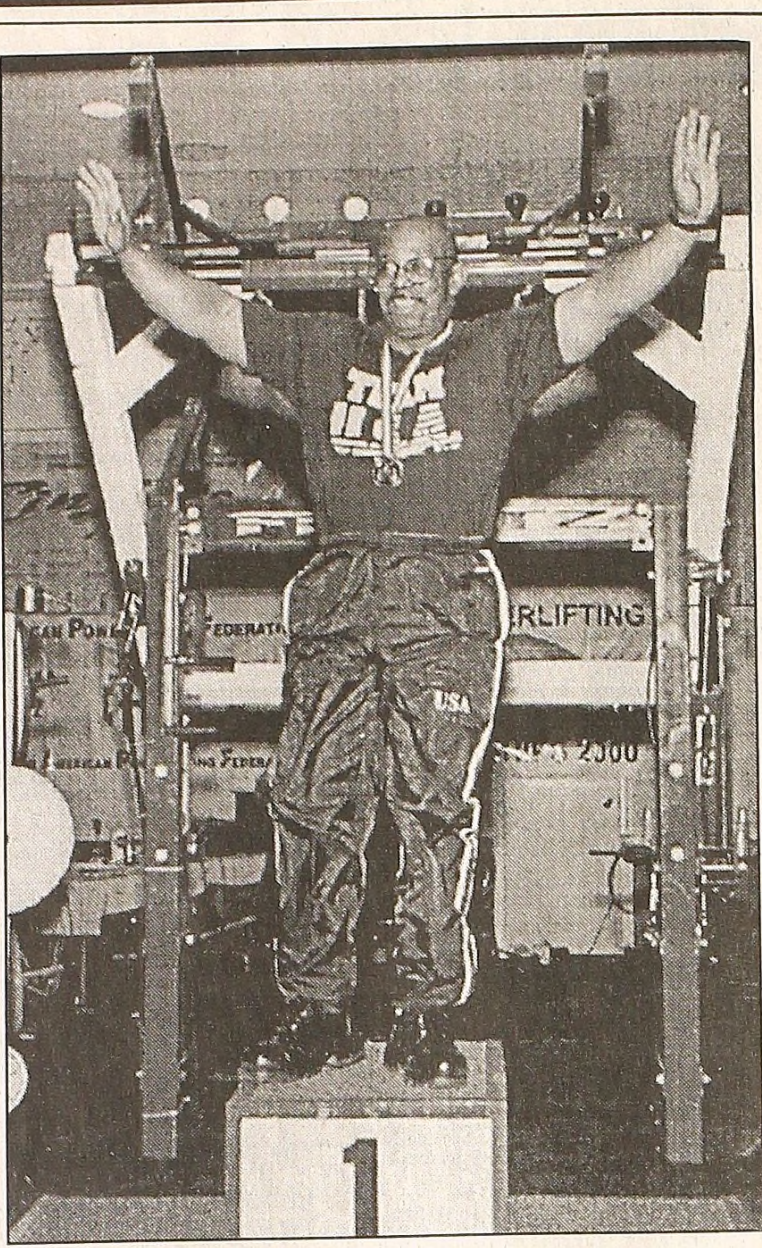
Little does one realize that Ingram is also a world record holder.

Last week, Ingram competed in the World Bench Press Championships staged in Las Vegas, Nevada and walked away from the competition with the gold medal.

The Wayne lifter's press of an incredible 451 pounds eclipsed the old record of 446, establishing a new high for the world to shoot at. Incidentally, the old of 446 pounds also belonged to the Wayne recreation employee.

When he successfully negotiated the new record, a thundering roar and applause rocked the Vegas auditorium. In the huge crowd were Bob's loyal fans from the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department who also made the trip to Vegas.

All wore "Go-Bob" T-shirts.



Wayne lifter and parks and recreation employee Bob Ingram (above on the podium) broke his own bench press record in competitions staged in Vegas last week.

Wayne occupied the entire row of the auditorium. Ingram says he trains and works out at the Wayne Racquet & Exercise Club.

He also is busy during the week delivering "Meals on Wheels" for the Senior Activity Center.

And if you're looking for an autograph, you probably will now have to stand in line. It isn't easy hiding a world record-holder from the masses, once he is revealed by the media.

Eagles pick 3 new coaches

Three new coaches have been picked at Eastern Michigan University.

Charles Branch, Pamela Besteman and Loren Smith have assumed their coaching responsibilities at the Ypsilanti-based university.

Branch is the new wrestling coach. He earned his bachelor's degree at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, where he majored in English.

Previously, Branch was an assistant professor of physical education and assistant wrestling coach at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and he also served as an assistant coach at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Besteman will take on the challenging coaching position as rowing coach.

Besteman earned her bachelor's in physical education at Grand Valley State University and was previously assistant women's rowing coach at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She also served as novice women's coach for the Grand Valley State Crew Club and was an assistant coach at Michigan State University.

Smith will become an assistant swim coach for the Eagles. Previously, Smith was head diving coach at Oakland University in Rochester and head diving coach at Walled Lake High Schools. He makes his home in Northville.

Sports schedules please

The Michigan Community Newspapers' Sports Staff is requesting that high schools athletic directors or their secretaries "fax" or mail their winter sports schedules to the MCN Sports Desk as soon as possible.

If you haven't forwarded them to the MCN Sports Desk, please do as soon as possible so that we can assign photographers and staff writers to cover assignments.

For those AD's that have complied to our request - "thank you".

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Police crack down on unbuckled drivers

60 officers to patrol Westland's main roads during holiday

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Be thankful for buckling up Thanksgiving. It may save you a ticket.

Sixty patrolmen will cruise Westland's streets this week-end enforcing traffic laws. "This is the largest enforcement effort ever," said Westland Sgt. Pete Brokas. "Focus is on restraint violations and speeding. The hours vary, but we will cover the hours 8-3 a.m."

Westland police have joined more than 100 police departments in creating a statewide task force to cut down the number of serious traffic crashes.

Wayne County is one of 27 counties in the new Drive Michigan Safely Task Force. Member communities periodically beef up enforcement by focusing on safety belt violations and drunk drivers during the next 12 months through a series of five highly publicized blitzes.

The Thanksgiving weekend begins the first crackdown.

In Westland, Brokas said that officers will concentrate on Ford and Wayne Roads today (Thursday) and tomorrow. Saturday officers move to Ford and Newburgh. Sunday to Cherry Hill and Wayne.

Monday to Wayne and Warren. Tuesday to Ford and Wayne. Wednesday to Cherry

Hill and Wayne. November 30 to Ford and Newburgh. December 1 and 2 to Ford and Wayne. And December 3 to Ford and Newburgh.

Federal funding will help pay for the manpower. The state's Office of Highway Safety Planning has received \$1.5 million from the Feds to local police departments for task force officers' overtime pay, saving the Westland force enough money to participate.

While this weekend's crackdown is planned, police departments, sheriffs' offices, and state police are brainstorming the next ones. Efforts will include community outreach and education programs to help boost drivers' compliance with traffic laws.

Police feel this is necessary to combat rising traffic fatalities and drunk-driving-related deaths. Michigan traffic fatalities rose from 1,367 in 1998 to 1,386 in 1999.

Despite an increase in alcohol-related traffic arrests in 1999, Michigan's alcohol-related traffic deaths increased, from 525 in 1998 to 541 in 1999. The rate of alcohol-related deaths increased as well. Alcohol arrests rose to 61,803 in 1999, up from 60,971 in 1998. Alcohol arrests included OUIL (operating under the influence of liquor), impaired, zero tolerance and CDL alco-

hol violations.

"Using this new strategy, Drive Michigan Safely Task Force members will identify when and where these traffic patrols will take place to make the biggest positive impact in their communities," said Betty J. Mercer, the Michigan State Police officer in charge of the task force.

Mercer added, "We are hopeful that the impact of the new changes in Michigan's drunk driving laws will result in a more positive report next year."

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During the December holidays, task force officers will fight drunk driving with "Operation Nightcap," a saturation patrol program targeted in the highest crash areas. Special funding allows officers to target problem areas with intense enforcement at the time of day and day of the week when most alcohol-related crashes occur. The goal is to discourage drunk driving through highly visible enforcement.

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING NO. 2000-33

NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council was not held due to lack of a quorum.

Mary E.Carney
City Clerk

Publish: November 23, 2000

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-380

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 23, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain -Burcroff. Motion Carried.

00-381

2B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 30, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain -Burcroff. Motion Carried.

00-367

3A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to approve PC-067-10-99, the request from Hokuto America, Inc. to locate a high tech light manufacturing company at 35601 Northline Road, subject to the placement of additional landscaping.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-368

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to rescind Resolution 99-460 adopted November 8, 1999:

Resolution 99-460

Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to approve the Special Use Approval for PC-067-10-99 to Davenport Brothers Construction Co., Inc. for a 40, 000 sq. ft. Speculative use building for air freight forwarding on the south side of Northline Road between Wayne and Wahrman Roads [DP# 113 99 0001-000] in a M-1 (Light Industrial) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and submittal of a landscape agreement and providing that the air freight forwarding lessee conform to all City standards.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. No action taken.

00-384

CITY OF ROMULUS

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS

BID 00/01-27

JANITORIAL SUPPLIES

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., December 12, 2000. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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CITY OF WAYNE

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF CITY OF WAYNE

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Wayne will meet at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact. Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. 2000 Poverty Exemption.
2. Homestead Exemption status.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call or visit the City of Wayne Assessing Department at 734-722-2000 prior to December 12, 2000.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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November 30, 2000
December 7, 2000

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SECTION 00100

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

1. Barton Malow Company requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the installation of the Fiber Optic WAN Infrastructure Bid Package No. T2 work. **Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 3650 Grant Road, Romulus4 MI 48174, delivery or mail to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 9:00 a.m. local time on December 14, 2000.** Proposals must be sealed with bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
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New Elementary School
Bid Package No. T2
Bid Category _____
Contractor Name, Address, Phone Number

2. Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual and contract and construction documents dated October 19, 2000 by the Barton Malow Company:

BID PACKAGE NO. T2 - FIBER OPTIC WIDE AREA NETWORK

3. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at Barton Malow Company Field Office located at: 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on November 27, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. All bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all who are known by the Barton Malow Company to have received contract documents, but the Barton Malow Company and Owner will not be responsible for providing information to those not attending the pre-bid conference. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the bidding and contract documents.

4. Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company at the Romulus Schools field office located at: 9650 South Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, phone: (734) 941-0869, fax: (734) 941-1278. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required.

5. Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in The Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.

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5B. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to accept the proposal from Great Lakes & Antenna of Flat Rock in the amount of \$3,328.09 to relocate the DPW and Police radio communication transmitter tower and antennas from the old DPW building to the new DPW facility at 12600 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-385

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to establish a Community Speakers Bureau and to complete the development of a welcome packet for new residents in the City of Romulus in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus mailing costs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-386

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the payment of the 2000/2001 Downriver Mutual Aid Membership Dues in the amount of \$16,378.50.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-387

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve payment of the Fiscal Year 2001 membership dues to the Conference of Western Wayne in the amount of \$5,106.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-388

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to appoint Diane Poet to the Romulus Recreation Commission with term to expire January 23, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-389

6A1. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 00/01-02 introduced at the meeting of October 23, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-390

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to schedule two Public Hearings on November 27, 2000 in the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the creation of an Industrial Development District. Kerr Corporation requests a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. and Liberty Property Trust at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 6, 2000.

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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News from area churches

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Inkster blood drive set to support surgery needs

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Inkster area and surrounding communities are in emergency need of 45,000 pints of blood...particularly in African American neighborhoods.

Thus an American Red Cross blood drive is being slated from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 29 at the **Greater First Missionary Baptist Church** of Inkster.

Blood drive coordinator Maryanne Jones revealed the following statistics: 57,000 pints of blood are needed annually in the African American community.

A total of about 12,000 pints are actually donated annually, leaving a crisis figure of 45,000 pints missing.

Jones stated "surgeries are currently being cancelled because of that blood product shortage."

For more information or to schedule a blood appointment call Jones at 313-576-4186.

The church is located at 3855 Harrison Ave. just off Carlisle in Inkster.

The local Salvation Army

Corps have started their Year 2000 red kettle drives outside local businesses to aid the needy this Christmas.

The drives in Wayne, Westland, Romulus and Plymouth are conducted six days a week to raise the needed funds to aid families as well as the homeless during this festive holiday season.

If you wish to donate several hours of your spare time ringing such Army bells, call the S.A. Corps office closest to you.

In addition the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Romulus also will be offering their annual Christmas items sale this Friday and Saturday at their store at Van Born and Middlebelt.

Funds raised at the sale are used to help Salvation Army projects around the Christmas season and beyond.

A surprising talent show entitled *I Didn't Know That You Could Do That in Church* will be offered at St. John Neumann Church of Canton at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 2001.

The church is located at

44800 Warren Road in Canton.

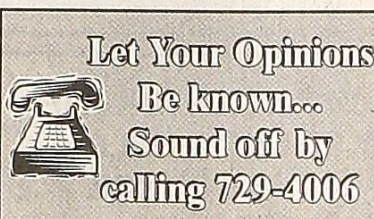
The 46th annual Carols for the Christ Child will be offered at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at the **First United Methodist Church** of Royal Oak.

The concert will feature nine vocal and handbell choirs directed by Dr. Craig Scott Symons and Jennifer Semican -- with guest organist Dr. Tamara Schmiede.

The program is open and free to the public. A free will collection will be taken to aid the church's youth programs.

The church is located at 7th and Washington in downtown Royal Oak.

The **First United Methodist Church** of Belleville is seeking donations of used cassette tape players to aid in their ministry to shut-ins.



New commanders of the Romulus Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center Majors Terry and Sharon Nelson officially took over from retiring Majors Brian and Kay Merritt this Sunday. The Merritts have moved to Illinois. The Nelsons have served in the Romulus center in recent months in anticipation of their planned administrative roles here. MCN Photo by Al Post.

Anti-pornography fight is pressed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Fresh from its White Ribbon campaign against local pornography, the Right to Decency Inc. group of Michigan is calling on more Christians to get involved.

Many pastors -- particularly those in the Inkster area -- are pointing with pride to the recent elimination of the Melody Theatre and the closing of the Book Shack.

The Right to Decency group led by Mary Ellen Gavin revealed that more than 400 anti-porn packets were mailed to Catholic and Protestant churches in recent months prior to the October white ribbon effort.

In addition Cardinal Adam Maida told area residents that many countries abroad do not want anything to do with recent American movies...calling them evil.

Gavin said that representatives of Right to Decency are willing to speak at local churches on pornography issues. To arrange for such a speaker call 810-779-8814.

Or area churches may ask to borrow the group's excellent videos or other resources.

With the celebration of Thanksgiving soon to be history, local Christian churches will soon begin the Season of Advent -- being basically the four Sundays before Christmas.

This season is a period of Christian life leading up to the

celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

Many churches tie massive collections of food items, warm clothing, personal hygiene products and toys and present them to needy families, hospital patients, nursing home residents and homeless people as a symbol of the gift-giving and compassionate actions of the Three Wisemen and various shepherds on that night over 2000 years ago.

In addition the singing of the classic holiday carols will begin next Sunday in many churches and homes of believers.

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Bookworms thrive; so do book thieves

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

The good news is that William P. Faust Public Library is flourishing.

The bad news is that bookworms won't be able to check out books today or tomorrow. They'll have to wait until 10 a.m. Saturday when the library reopens.

However, patrons may return books, videos and other checked out items in drop boxes.

As for the good news, library Director Sandra Wilson and new Library Board Trustee Bill Gabriel reported to the Westland City Council that the city's bookworms are reading more than ever.

"In our third year, we had 35,709," Wilson said. "About 42 percent of residents have cards - this is a high statistic."

Even higher when the number of people sharing cards are factored in, she pointed out.

"The city should be proud," she said.

Not only have more patrons signed up for cards, by their using their cards. Patrons checked out 721,064 items for a one-year period that ended June 30 - a nine percent increase over the previous year, she said.

About 5,250 patrons come in per week, she estimated.

However, not all items are being returned.

"We have a high overdue rate that's scary for a library

that's only three years old," she said. "Beginning last fiscal year (July 1, 2000), we were owed 96,300 items."

To recoup the missing CDs, books, and videos, the library has hired a collection agency to dun the deadbeats. When that fails, the library has the police department issue misdemeanor tickets.

"It's our responsibility to protect our collections," she said. "It's important for citizens to bring back materials because other people want them. Even if you give us money, many items are out of print and we can't replace them."

At the same time materials are being lost to thieves, money has been pouring in from supporters. Wilson said the library has received \$14,670 in gifts, \$8,388 from the Friends of the Library, which holds used books sales to raise money, and \$50,000 from the state of Michigan - all funds which supplement the library's \$1.6 million budget.

If the library lacks anything, it's employees.

"We have a small excellent staff of 13 full-time employees," she said. "But other libraries who do the same business have double the budget and double the staff."

The city council accepted the report without offering any hints about whether the library's budget or staff would be increased in the July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002 budget.

It's a dog's life

By KAREN MEIER
MCN Special Writer

Our family room has just gotten a bit smaller - a dog has entered. And is here to stay. Now this is big (not the dog, mind you, she's smallish, medium size), but the big thing is that a dog has indeed entered our family room, lives in our home, has become part of our lives! We have a dog. This is big. After all these years of being completely dog-less, we have a dog!

My kid years were always dog-filled from the time I was born to my last dog, a truly faithful companion I'd named Frisky. During recess one third grade 1966 day in my growing up town of Cedar Springs a little dog came up to greet me. She was a stray little beagle who wound up hanging around the school yard the rest of that day and then found me walking home and, of course, "asked" to come along with me. I said, "Okay."

She eventually died of doggy old age when I was a sophomore in college - some 12 years later, some 22 years ago. And that's a long time to go dog-less. But now I have a dog, again! My children, my family has a dog - and it's wonderful!

We rescued her from the pound - she was a stray beagle. Imagine that! And it was my daughter and husband who initially picked her out. Life is so funny sometimes. Annie (that's what we've named our dog) is the 2000 version of my 1966 Frisky. I swear! The way she looks, the way she behaves, it's uncanny.

We've had Annie as part of our family now for almost three weeks and it seems she's always been here. And that is so cool.

The day we got her will more than likely be one none of us Meiers will ever forget. Somehow it seems when we do something we manage to make it such an adventure, quite a production, something a bit out of the ordinary, not so simple. Getting Annie was like that. It was the day we were scheduled to leave on our cross-states trip to Grandma and Grandpa's house in Michigan. Cedar Springs, Michigan. Back home for me. We were heading there for Red Flannel Festival Weekend and my Class of '75 25th Reunion Party. A big weekend with big doin's, a big family in a big van traveling big miles. And that was the very day that husband, Ron, decided to have this family no longer be dog-less. After 19 years of marriage, of being dog-less all that time, that was to be THE day. And so it was.

He had taken a half day vacation from work that day, a



Family Room

Karen Meier

Friday, and daughter, Carmen, had no school that day (teacher's in-service at her school). The rest of the children had regular Friday school schedules. So Dad and daughter went on a secret mission that early afternoon with me at home packing and reading everything for the Dad-suggested 3:30 departure "I don't want to get caught in 5:00 Friday rush hour traffic in Chicago," he stated.

The two came home and told of their dog tale. The little beagle at the pound might not last until the following weekend when we'd once again be able to return. Now was the time. Pack up Stevie and Tommy, leave a note for Tony, Joe, and Jack, and let's go to the pound. In the town 45 minutes away. It's 2:15.

Adopting a dog, although no where (not even close) near the complicated and lengthy process adopting a baby is, it does take some time. We were on the road to Grandma and Grandpa's house, two adults, six children, and a beagle, at 5:10 PM heading straight into a highway parking lot, Friday Chicago gridlock. Because of the traffic jam we were able to have our beagle named before the Indiana border - "Annie" was chosen in a very democratic, somewhat time-consuming manner, which was okay, we had the time! Annie was fine throughout the rest of the trip. Even turns out she was van-broken (going potty outside during rest stops only!) and, turns out, too, house-broken, which I discovered after spending that first night in a sleeping bag on my parent's cement basement floor to keep Annie from lonesomely baying everyone awake. You see, my Dad, bless his heart, had made a little cozy "nest" for Annie in the basement, complete with a little rug in a box, a water dish, and a sturdy rope tied to a basement beam. He'd done this, prepared a dog suite, right after I called to let him know we were on our way, and we had just acquired a dog who was coming with us.

Annie had a wonderful weekend with the rest of us. Life is so funny sometimes - and so wonderful. Annie went to a parade, on walks in the yard, in the fields, and near the school yard. And in my parents' house she jumped up on the old couch and on the twin bed, curled up on the rug, waited for my Mom and Dad to "scratch" her ears.

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Guess who's coming to town

Guess who will be coming to town next week? None other than Santa. He'll be arriving around 6 p.m. to participate in the city's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Kids - young and old - are invited to gather around the old Christmas Tree where there'll also be caroling and refreshments to enjoy. Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., plans to present the coveted "Key to the City" to Santa and his entourage. Look for Santa's sleigh to arrive on the west lawn of the City Hall complex, located at 2121 Inkster Road. If the weather continues its present pattern, there will probably be plenty of snow to help dress up the occasion. Oh, also dress warmly.

Inkster High class of 1940 marks its 60th anniversary

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the undisputed President of the United States.

And Hitler was at war with Europe, and he and Imperial Japan would soon drag the United States into what would become World War II.

And a small group in Inkster were getting ready to cross the high school auditorium stage and to receive their diplomas.

The group graduated and recently got together and reflected on the times that some call the greatest generation in U. S. History.

Anniversaries are times for reminiscing and reflecting on years past, and thanking God for all of His blessings that He so graciously bestows.

That is exactly what the Inkster High School Class of 1940 did recently, when they celebrated their 60th anniversary at the lovely home of party organizer Alberta Whatley.

In 1940, there were 14 happy

graduating seniors. Time has taken its toll, and only seven are still living. Georgia (Williams) Burgess, Joseph Burgess, Robert Green, Jerusha (Cobb) James, John Mingo, Frances (Clark) Spencer, and Alberta (Pace) Whatley.

Whatley planned and organized the Anniversary Dinner Party that was attended by Robert Green and Frances Spencer.

"I thought our 60th anniversary from high school was too significant an event to forget. After all, 60 years have passed since we proudly marched across the stage to receive our diplomas. That is why I was determined that we would get together," Whatley said.

Sixty years have not diminished the vivid memories of days gone by, and that all important and memorable June graduation day.

Whatley not only planned the event, she prepared a delicious meal for her classmates. The Inkster High alumni are celebrities, 60 years after graduating. They are very active in their communities and churches.

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tors and examples for the youth in the city of Inkster.

Just wondering, if you graduated from Inkster High School before 1940, would you please give me a call at 313-561-3918.

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St. Stephens to serve Thanksgiving Day dinner

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Rev. Louise Johnson, the pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Inkster, never forgets the homeless and the less fortunate.

She is known throughout the city of Inkster and the Detroit Metropolitan Area as a compassionate and benevolent spiritual leader.

Once again Rev. Johnson will provide a free Thanksgiving Day dinner to persons in need. The dinner will be served beginning at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The church is located at 3295 Harrison Road.

For several years, until her health declined, Rev. Johnson operated the first five-day-a-week Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet in the city.

Although the Soup Kitchen is not open, she continues to serve free dinners on "special days":

Church program tickets available

Tickets are still available for the St. Clement's Men's Guild program which will be staged beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 at the church facility, 4300 Harrison Road.

The program will feature Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. as the keynote speaker.

Church officials also note that seating is limited, and urge those who plan to attend to call the church offices for reservations.

Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Soft-hearted and very modest, Rev. Johnson practices what she preaches - love, sharing and caring.

"The Scriptures tell us in 1 John 4, 7, 'to love one another; for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God.'

"I only try to do God's will because we should love and care

for one another," the Rev. Johnson believes.

The respected pastor accepts donations of food items, and she appreciates any help from volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals.

If you have a few hours to spare for a worthy cause, please contact Rev. Johnson at 313-561-7326.

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held November 27, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan to consider establishing an Industrial Development District pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, for Kerr Manufacturing, 28200 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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This is an open meeting! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than November 23, 2000 at 12 o'clock noon, Prevailing Eastern Time to the attention of:

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TENNANT, KENNETH GEORGE
TRENT, TYSON TIMOTHY
WOOLFORD, DONALD DEAN

BEGIN, LEOTA, Passed away October 27, 2000 at the age of 73. She was the wife of the late Vincent Begin. Leota and Vincent were the owners of A to Z Rentals which was located at the corner of Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland, from 1948 to 1998. Leota was co-founder of Tri-City Woman's Bowling Association where she held offices of Secretary and Vice President. She was a life member of both Tri-City and WIBC (Woman's International Bowling Congress). Leota was also elected into Tri-City's Hall of Fame. Leota was also a co-founder of the Tri-City Pioneer Club where she actively held the office of Secretary. She is survived by 3 daughters; Karen Kelgore, Denise Hubbard, and Anmarie Nowak, 2 son-in-laws; Gary Kelgore and Russell Nowak. She had 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, and a great grandson due this December. A memorial mass was held on October 31st at St. Richards Catholic Church in Westland. She was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock.

FICK, MARY ANN, 79 of Garden City, passed away November 8. Loving wife of Donald Fick. Dear mother of Nora (Dennis) Cecil. Dear sister of James Brumlow, Thomas Brumlow, Francis Brumlow, Joseph Brumlow, Charles Brumlow, Robert Brumlow, and Janice Krastes. Beloved grandmother of Joshua Cecil, Jessica Cecil, and Jennifer Cecil. Funeral services were held at St. Raphael with Father Thomas Kirwan officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Arrangements made through Uht Funeral Home.

FLATH, TRILLIS M., 99 of Plymouth, passed away November 9. Dear wife of the late William Flath. Beloved mother of Lavonne (Ralph) Aussicker and Shirley Hovermale. Dear sister of Cecil Radcliffe and Keith Radcliffe. Dear grandmother of five and great grandmother of ten. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Rowland officiating. Interment followed at Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

GRAHAM, GLORIA EVA, 69 of Westland, passed away November 3. Loving wife of Ewing Dale Graham. Dear mother of Sandra (Donald) Holzhazusen, and Dwayne (Tammy) Graham. Dear sister of Ida Gordon, Florence Bayer, Paul Teitz, Edward Teitz, and Joyce Eddings. Beloved grandmother of seven. Funeral Services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

GREEN, DAWN LOIS, 68 of Garden City, passed away November 8. Loving

mother of Helen Louise (Richard) Jeane. Dear sister of Stella Vipperman, Herbert Bartels, and Donald Bartels. Dear grandmother of three. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Thomas Badley officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

GREEN, HOWARD ALFRED, 70 of Westland, passed away November 12. Dear husband of the late Elaine Green. Loving father of Bruce (Cathi) Green, Cheryl (Frank) Parsons, Gary (Denise) Green, Carol (Brent) Loritz, Craig (Lucy) Green, Steve (Fran) Green, Tracy (Mark) Brosky, and Susan (Cal) Montague. Dear brother of Audrey, Deanna, Gary, and Bill. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. James Severance officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial West, Westland.

HOWARD, CHARLES W. 75 passed away November 11. Loving husband of Ella Howard. Beloved father of Lula Davis, Thomas Howard, Shirley Boyd, Carol (David) Kietur, JoAnn (Dave) Staggs, Joyce (Richard) Mroz, and David Howard. Dear brother of Mandy Green, the late George Howard, the late Pearl Watking, the late Jess Howard, and the late Lettie Call. Dear grandfather of twenty and great grandfather of eight. Funeral services were held November 15 at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Byrd officiating. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

KNOX, DELORES R., 65 of Westland,

passed away November 2. Dear wife of the late Donald A. Knox. Loving mother of April (Charles) King, Donald Knox, Ronald (Frankie) Knox, and Merry Knox. Dear daughter of Garland Goyer and the late Helen Goyer. Dear sister of Carol Draper and Garlene Delekta. Beloved grandmother of Alan Knox, Rachael Knox, Dawn King, and Sherry King. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Rocky Barra officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

KROHN, MARY ANN, 64 of Westland, passed away November 7. Dear wife of the late Joseph Burkhart. Loving mother of Cindy Tidwell and the late Timothy Tidwell. Beloved sister of Dorothy Rossi, Deborah Bailey, and the late John Burns. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Father Leonard Partensky officiating. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Hts., Michigan.

McDANIEL, LULA F., 65 of Bitley, passed away November 9. Loving wife of Carl McDaniel. Dear mother of Danny (Maureen) McDaniel, Susan (Randy) Hazzard, and Berry (Susan) McDaniel. Dear sister of Bernice Page, Herbert Dean Lewis, Jerry Lewis, and Don Lewis. Dear grandmother of eight and great grandmother of three. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

MUGGELBERG, MAY, 67 of Wayne, passed away November 5. Beloved mother of Ilene Evans, Roberta Evans,

Pamela Evans, Lisa (Paul) Letts, Kenneth Muggelberg Jr., and William Muggelberg. Dear sister of Faye Hay, Jack Stapleton, and Harry Stapleton. Dear grandmother of nine, and great grandmother to five. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Neil Cowling officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

TENNANT, KENNETH GEORGE, 48 of Wayne, passed away November 5. Loving father of Sheila (Jim) and Kenneth (Brandy L.) Tennant. Dear brother of Terry, Evon, Martha, Elaine, Michael, John, Tommy, and Ronnie. Dear grandfather of four. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

TRENT, TYSON TIMOTHY, of Ann Arbor, passed away October 24 at Mott Children's Hospital. Infant son of Jenny Wilcox and Steven Trent. Brother of Michael, Jacob, Ryan, and Tabitha

Trent. Dear grandchild of Linda and Dana Trent Jr., Peggy and James Gelormino. Dear great grandchild of Sylvia and Raymond Kaczorowski, Carolle and Dana Trent Sr. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home November 12. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

WOOLFORD, DONALD DEAN, 30 of Belleville, passed away November 4. Loving father of Kevin and Kurrina Woolford. Dear son of the late Donald Dean Woolford and Freda HUnt, step son of Roger Hunt. Dear fiancée of Kimberly Bolton. Beloved brother of Terry Lynn Woolford, Dana Ked Young, Donna Jean (Greg) Woolford, and Erin K. McClure. Dear grandson of Alfred and Iona McCormick, the late James and the late Blanche Woolford. Funeral services were held November 9 at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Waller officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland.

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Silver Frost with dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, power equipment group, cast alum. 5-spoke 16" wheels, 4.0L SOHC V-6 engine, automatic O/D trans, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry, air conditioning.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$25,870 **NOW \$19,812^{35*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$233^{61**}	\$169^{00**}

2001 TAURUS SE

Stk. #10608

259 Taurus Available

SE 4 DOOR

Toreador red metallic, dark charcoal cloth bucket, 6 cyl. engine, auto., air, O/D trans., front/rear floor mats, 6 passenger seating w/flip-fold console, power driver seat.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$20,085 **NOW \$16,165^{00*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. TAURUS TO TAURUS LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$231^{53**}	\$186^{28**}

2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4

Stk. #10914

53 Expeditions Available

XLT 4X4

Medium Wedgewood blue, med. graphite capt. chair, XLT series, tow hooks, premium elec. AM/FM/cass., privacy glass, air, V-8 eng., 4-spd. auto transmission, 16" cast aluminum wheels, black power heated mirrors, running boards, trailer towing pkg., third row seat, CD changer (6 disc).

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$36,480 **NOW \$30,083^{45*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$423^{28**}	\$358^{51**}

2001 FOCUS SE 4 DR.

Stk. #11060

57 Focus Available

4 DOOR

Silver metallic w/dark charcoal cloth, automatic, tilt steering, speed control, front courtesy/map lights.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$15,665 **NOW \$13,670^{85*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$233^{18**}	\$186^{17**}

2001 WINDSTAR LX

Stk. #11147

188 Windstars Available

Light sapphire blue, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed auto. O/D trans., aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, AM/FM stereo CD/cassette/clock, aluminum wheels.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$27,045 **NOW \$21,872^{85*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$280^{20**}	\$238^{23**}

2001 F-150 4x2 SUPER CAB

Stk. #11399

199 F-150s Available

4X2 XLT SUPERCAB

Bright red w/dark graphite captains chairs, XLT series, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, 5-spd. manual O/D trans. cast alum. wheels, tonneau cover-soft, cloth captain's chairs, air cond.- CFC-free.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$24,960 **NOW \$17,596^{35*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$205^{77**}	\$140^{23**}

2001 EXPLORER 4x4 XLT

Stk. #11509

240 Explorers Available

4 DOOR 4x4

Harvest gold, dark graphite cloth, 4.0L SOHC V-6 eng., 5 spd. auto. O/D trans., 4.10 LS axle/trailer tow pkg., step bar, alum. wheels, cassette, CD.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$32,995 **NOW \$25,759^{00*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$311^{44**}	\$268^{08**}

2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4x2

Stk. #10566

28 Excursions Available

LIMITED SERIES 4x2

Chestnut metallic, medium parchment leather, trip computer, ill. running boards, premium alum. wheels, aux heat/air (rear), third row seat, rear radio controls, reverse sensing system, paint stripe, comfort/convenience group, power driver's seat, power rear quarter vent windows, 5.4L P1-V8 gas engine, AM/FM w/in-dash 6 CD, heated front seats.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$39,250 **NOW \$32,433^{05*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$435^{35**}	\$369^{20**}

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MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inceptn
2001 RANGER 4X4 SUPERCAB XLT	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 341 \$1863
2001 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 296 \$1836
2001 TAURUS SE	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 414 \$1956
2001 WINDSTAR LX	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 406 \$1951
2001 F-150 4X2 SUPERCAB XLT	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 327 \$1847
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$ 499 \$2043
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